

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 19, 2006

Members Present: Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chairman
Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chairman
Sen. Scott McCoy
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Jeff Alexander

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent.

When Rep. Buttars left the meeting, he relinquished the chair to Sen. Mansell.

Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, presented a budget overview for the Division of State History. The Analyst recommended that the committee consider prioritizing repatriation of human remains on State land.

Phillip Notarianni, Director of the Division of State History, introduced Wilson Martin, State Historic Preservation Officer and Deputy Director, Londi Rowley, Budget Manager, Lynette Lloyd, Administrative Assistant and Human Relations Representative, Linda Thatcher, Libraries, Kevin Jones, Archeology, Barbara Murphy, Coordinator for the Preservation Office, and Michael Homer, Chair of the Board of State History.

Michael Homer, Chair of the Board of State History, spoke in support of the Division and highlighted their website and historical publications.

Kristen Rogers, Editor of the *Currents* newsletter, presented a slide show on the various aspects of the division's projects throughout the state.

The division requested \$100,000 for the identification, care and preservation of human remains. The division requested \$200,000 for history project support to increase distribution of grants and technical assistance to history affiliates. The Division requested non-lapsing authority.

Wilson Martin, Deputy Director, addressed a previous question from the committee about online accessibility and printing costs.

Cleal Bradford, Executive Director, Four Corners Heritage Council, reported on how the funds received from the State History Department were successfully used to complete 3 projects and initiate others.

The department staff presented each of the committee with a historic photograph.

Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the budget for the Division of Housing and Community Development, noting that most funds come from the Federal Government. Also noted was the proposal to move the Museum Services to the Division of Fine Arts. Issue Briefs addressing the plan to reduce chronic homelessness, and weatherization and HEAT were noted.

Gordon Walker, Director of Housing and Community Development, requested the division be given non-lapsing authority. He introduced Kathy Hyde, Commission on Volunteers, Kimberly Schmeling, Budget, Keith Burnett, Mineral Lease and Revitalization, Roxanne Graham, Private Activity Bond Board, Keith Heaton, Community Development Block Grant Program, Mike Glenn, Energy, Shelli Goble, Multi-family Housing, Richard Walker, Director of Housing, Mike Johnson, Weatherization Program, Sherm Roquiere, Heat Program, Dan Burke, Museum Services, and Claudette Eastman, Museum Board Chair.

Gordon Walker discussed the overall budget of the Permanent Community Impact Board. The past year's project costs were \$64,000,000. The CIB participation was \$39,000,000. Of that, \$16,000,000 was granted and almost \$23,000,000 was loaned.

An overview of the purpose and budget of the Olene Walker Housing Fund was given. In the past year 648 housing units were funded. Each dollar put out is leveraged 7.7 times. About 93% of money is issued as loans.

The Housing Department and Commission on Volunteers worked to house 345 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.

Tim Funk, Advocacy Director, Crossroads Urban Center, addressed the reduction of federal funding and the need to fund low income housing.

Steve Erickson, Utah Issues, requested \$500,000 one-time supplemental funding for the Olene Walker Housing Fund.

Candace Daly, Utah Chapter of the National Association of Housing Redevelopment, requested additional \$500,000 funding for the Olene Walker Housing Fund.

Tara Rawlins, Utah Housing Coalition, requested additional funding for the Olene Walker Housing Fund.

Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate, requested \$500,000 additional funding for the Olene Walker Housing Fund.

Gordon Walker gave an overview of the HEAT program and Weatherization Assistance program. The HEAT program serves low income people with their energy costs. The Weatherization program's goal is to increase energy efficiency of dwellings occupied by low income people.

A brief overview of Community Development Block Grant was presented.

The Museum Services department supports 225 museums across the state. The three areas that need funding are the preservation of artifacts, education programs and attracting visitors and tourists. The department of Museum Services will be moved to the Fine Arts Department.

The Commission on Volunteers administers and coordinates the Americorp program for the Corporation for National and Community Service. The division requested \$153,000 dedicated credits for FY 2006. The funds are for the CERT program which is moving from the Division of Homeland Security to the Commission on Volunteers.

The Utah Telephone Assistance Program was transferred to this division from the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Walker answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars and Rep. Dee absent for the vote.

Sen. Mansell adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair

Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chair